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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady to about steady. Retail and food service demand was seasonally light to moderate with trading usually limited to most immediate needs. Offerings were adequate to fully sufficient; floor stocks were balanced. In the parts structure, demand was generally light to fair. Wings and tenders were balanced to well cleared and moving. Drums, thighs, and breast items were at least adequate or readily available with some discounting noted, and all other items were sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 74.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 80.25 cents last year on August 11, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	170.50
BREASTS - B/S	146.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	108.50
LEG QUARTERS	45.50
WINGS	79.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand into all channels was seasonally light to fair with purchasing usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair. Dark meat was mixed, adequate to readily available, with leg quarters better balanced. Wings were improved and moving, and breast items were at least adequate, closest for tenders. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light, mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive during midweek trading with buyers continuing to maintain floor stocks at minimum levels. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were readily available and slow in clearing; boneless skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Drums and thighs were fully adequate to available. Wings and tenders were in close balance and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings adequate. Demand was slow to moderate with some increase movement noted in Ohio and Michigan area retail centers. Floor stocks adequate; weights desirable to light. Parts interest was moderate on wings and whole breasts with several distributors and buyers indicating improved call on boneless/skinless breasts; remainder of parts were receiving light trade call. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings, steady on leg quarters and whole breasts, steady to barely steady on the balance of items.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Sizes were longest on weights over 3.5 pounds. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good best where promoted. Floor stocks adequate.

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 6, 2005. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 6, 2005. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through August 6, 2005 were 5.46 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER CHICK PLACEMENT AND BROILER EGG SET TOTAL 19 STATES SELECTED STATES

	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 08/06/05	2005	2004
EGGS SET	212,635	213,074
CHICKS PLACED	176,038	175,954
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		0
		0

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 17-Sep-05 is estimated at 161.5 million head. This compares to 159.9 million head the previous week and to 163.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 69.59 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	680	114.00-182.00	120-125	124.27
TENDERLOINS	295	117.00-185.00	125-129	128.49
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	584	42.00-46.00	44-45	44.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,125	44.00-48.00	46-47	46.48
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	65.00-75.00	70-74	71.63
WINGS (CUT)	315	83.00-88.00	-	86.43
DRUMSTICKS	68	55.00-68.00	-	57.41
THIGHS	43	44.00-68.00	-	51.26
B/S THIGHS	80	95.00-114.00	-	103.00

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
AUGUST 09, 2005 -- FOB DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
51.50 - 56.00	53.91

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	641	117.00-188.00	122-129	127.84
TENDERLOINS	311	117.00-189.00	127-131	132.72
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	85.00-91.00	86-89	87.07
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	73	54.00-68.00	55-57	57.32
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	554	42.00-46.00	44-45	44.38
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	860	43.00-48.00	46-47	46.49
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	65.00-86.00	72-75	74.53
WINGS (CUT)	311	83.00-91.00	87-89	87.13
DRUMSTICKS	68	52.00-68.00	-	55.65
THIGHS	148	46.00-68.00	-	53.95
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
AUGUST 10, 2005 -- FOB DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.00 - 55.50	53.03	54.05

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light to no better than fair during midweek trading as dealers continued to limit orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts items were at least adequate; bone-in breast were available and competitively priced in some instances. Drums and thighs were at least adequate to available, other dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings and tenders were well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light. The market tone was barely steady to weak on bone-in breasts, drums and thighs. Other items ranged steady to instances firm.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

AUGUST 09

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*			
BREAST - B/S	135-140		132.24	568,820
TENDERLOINS	125		127.88	212,401
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84		81.41	104,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	83		80.00	81,000
LEGS	61-62		60.16	138,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46		45.30	403,400
DRUMSTICKS	58-59		61.23	167,240
THIGHS	46-47		55.36	85,000
B/S THIGHS	104-105		99.59	79,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	72-73		72.91	204,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.19	16,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45		37.71	17,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		59.86	20,560

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METRO AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

*TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

AUGUST 10

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*			
BREAST - B/S	135-140		131.53	581,400
TENDERLOINS	125-130		126.06	158,630
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82		90.59	107,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	81		78.63	72,000
LEGS	61-62		58.87	177,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46		45.83	276,960
DRUMSTICKS	57-58		60.99	97,320
THIGHS	46-47		58.26	55,200
B/S THIGHS	106-107		103.94	80,500
WINGS (WHOLE)	74-75		74.04	195,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.62	12,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45		39.80	11,883
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65		60.21	22,400

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)		
	08/10	08/09	08/08	08/05	08/08	08/05	08/03	08/01
Alabama	3,980	4,096	3,998	4,665	5.24	4.92	3,999	5.17
Arkansas	5,384	5,543	5,288	5,507	5.31	4.98	5,378	5.25
Delmarva	2,276	2,298	2,233	2,218	5.59	5.48	2,262	5.61
KY-LA-TN	2,334	2,297	2,265	2,247	4.78	4.95	2,309	4.95
Mississippi	3,173	3,159	3,017	3,095	5.62	5.44	3,131	5.62
North Carolina	2,504	2,505	2,361	2,848	6.38	6.50	2,325	6.23
Texas	2,504	2,488	2,561	2,563	5.37	5.34	2,541	5.34
Total	22,155	22,386	21,723	23,143	5.44	5.30	21,945	5.41
Mon-Wed	66,491(A)						64,753(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Aug-05 is estimated to be 34,077,000 head up 0.66 percent from a week ago and up 8.85 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 33,855,000, last year 31,307,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107

HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73

DUCKS
RABBITS-WHOLE
RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	105-107
	ICE PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	111-112
	ICE PACK	108-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93-95
	DRY PACK	95-105
DUCKS		180-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Aug-05

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/13/05 (1)	08/06/05
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	166,292 (2)	168,717
Light hens	1,113	1,378
Heavy hens	1,668	1,499
Total	169,073	171,594

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Aug-05 is 167.6 million head compared to 163.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.6 million head or 1.0 million less than estimated available. For the week of 20-Aug-05 the estimated available is 166.8 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 08/08/05	114,545	50,903
AM 08/01/05	118,501	47,724
CHG	3,956	3,179
PCT CHG	-3	7

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/08/05	08/01/05	08/09/04	08/08/05	08/01/05	08/09/04
PACIFIC						
COAST	766	4,098	9,332	5,499	5,466	5,521
LOS ANGELES	63	62	366	2,939	2,995	4,302

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 8, 2005

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	74-80
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	80-84

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**FOR 08/09/05**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.30	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.75	1.15	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.40	1.20	.88	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	4.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	3.75	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETSea	2.50	6.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.25	2.00	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	42						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending August 5, 2005

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	83.14	167.13	111.42	25.71	8.57	72.85
High	91.71	179.99	119.99	30.00	12.86	72.85
Mostly	91.71	175.70	119.99	25.71	12.86	72.85

SAN JUAN

Low	82.28	162.85	111.42	25.71	8.57	72.85
High	91.28	175.70	119.99	30.00	12.86	72.85
Mostly	91.28	171.42	115.71	25.71	12.86	72.85

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	82.71	162.85	111.42	25.71	8.57	73.71
High	91.71	171.42	119.99	30.00	12.86	73.71
Mostly	91.71	171.42	115.71	25.71	8.57	73.71

BECERRA

Low	83.57	167.13	111.42	25.71	12.86	77.14
High	92.14	175.70	119.99	30.00	17.14	77.14
Mostly	92.14	175.70	119.99	25.71	17.14	77.14

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonal. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for immediate needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 80 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were available and generally slow in clearing. Leg quarters were adequate to fully adequate. Other cuts were in generally good balance to well cleared.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NO. OF BOXES

60-82
(A)
(A)

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